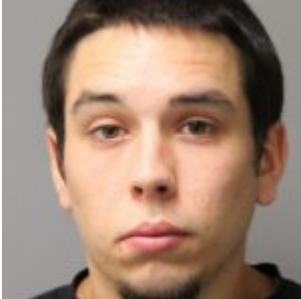
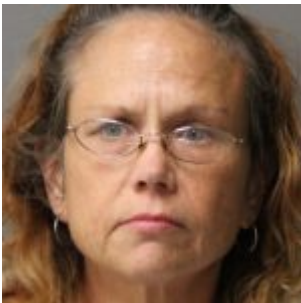


# Mother and Son Arrested for Stealing out of Cars



Bradley P. Morton



Teresa L. Morton

*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier*

**Selbyville** – The Delaware State Police have arrested a mother and her son in connection with thefts from vehicles in the Selbyville, Ocean View, and Millville areas.

On Monday July 31, 2017 at approximately 2:15 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the area of the 36000 block of Wood Duck Way in the Swann Keys development for a reported theft in progress. The homeowner reported that a white male subject wearing camouflage pants was entering a vehicles in front of their house. When the witness yelled at the subject, he took off running. Troopers responding to Swann Keys observed a blue Ford Crown Victoria with a white male driving slowly through the neighborhood and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the car. The Crown Victoria failed to stop as the trooper activated the emergency equipment and continued driving through the development before finally coming to a

stop in the area of the community pool.

**Bradley P. Morton**, 24 of Bishopville, Maryland, matched the description of the suspect rummaging through the cars and was taken into custody without further incident. As troopers continued to search the streets, **Teresa L. Morton**, 51 of Bishopville, Maryland, was observed walking alone and was taken into custody as well.

A computer inquiry revealed Bradley Morton was wanted by Troop 4 for Forgery and Thefts that occurred back in April of 2017 when he is alleged to have stole a check from a vehicle on Grant Avenue in Selbyville. He then wrote the check out for \$150.00 to himself and forged the victim's name before cashing it at a bank. Bradley was charged with two counts of Forgery, Burglary 2nd, Identity Theft, seven counts of Theft, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Disregarding a Police Officer's Signal, Driving While Suspended or Revoked and other traffic related charges. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$26,200.00 secured bond. Detectives are continuing to follow up on more thefts from vehicles in the area and more charges of Burglary and Thefts are forthcoming for Bradley.

Teresa Morton was charged with three counts of Attempted Theft, three counts of Criminal Trespass, and Conspiracy 3rd. She was arraigned at JP2 and released on \$4,003.00 unsecured bond.

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